

MISSOURI RIVER IS BOON TO POOR

High Water Brings Up Plenty of Firewood.

Stone Falls, S. D.—Although the Missouri river, during periods of high water, is famous for the speed with which it can "cut up" farms and other lands along its course, it is this summer doing as act of kindness for some of the poor people living in towns along that section of the river which passes through South Dakota. These people are being furnished by the big river with an abundance of fuel for next winter, and this, in the form of driftwood, is being retrieved from the swollen waters of the stream and carefully conserved for the time when South Dakota will have freezing temperatures next winter.

Old river men say that not for years has the river brought down so much driftwood as during the present season of high water. The high water is due to the melting of unusually heavy snows in the mountains of Montana, at the head waters of the river.

The Missouri river has this summer inundated much bottomland, and some through stacks of timber on the upper stretches of the stream, and has collected a large lot of lumber and brush and other material suitable for firewood. Some of the logs which float near the shore and are drawn to the bank by the water, are frequently from twenty-five to thirty feet long, and when cut up make a considerable amount of firewood.

When pulled from the river the logs and other material, including tree stumps, are water soaked, but when saved and split and placed in small piles they soon dry out and make first-class fuel.

Day after day, at the present time, the swollen waters of the river are bringing down logs, snags, stumps, lumber, railroad ties, and pieces of wood, and as these come near the shore the various towns along the river they are pulled out and stacked up and preserved for the time of need next winter.

Montanans Plan to Reopen Lewis and Clark Cavern

Butte, Mont.—Led by the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, a movement is under way to obtain federal appropriations for reopening the Lewis and Clark cavern.

This cave, with its stalactite and stalagmite formations, about 50 miles east of Butte, and 1,200 feet above the level of the Jefferson canyon, was accidentally discovered in 1906 by hunters, and D. A. Morrison of Whitehall filed on the site. He installed stairways to a depth of more than 300 feet, and provided an entrance lower down the hill. Later when the bearing on patent for the ground came up it was discovered that the site was on the Northern Pacific railroad grant and the corporation turned it back to the government.

It is proposed to extend a branch of the Yellowstone trail to a point near the cavern, and install a tourist camp for those who wish to visit the cave.

Birth Rate Drops in Cities of Germany

Berlin.—There appears to be a lower limit to the descending birth rate of European cities short of absolute zero, according to studies made by Dr. Warren S. Thompson of the Scripps Foundation for Population Problems.

Berlin shows the procession with only 11.7 births per thousand people in 1925, which exceeded only slightly the rate of 11.4, but the figure available for 1926 indicates that the birth rate may have exceeded the birth rate during the last year.

As a group the large cities of Germany had a birth rate of only 14.1 in 1926 and the report for the first month of 1927 indicates that for this year it will be even lower.

Hunt Muscle Preaching; Asks Accident Insurance

San Francisco—John Maughan, Presbyterian preacher of Glenview, Calif., "overpreached" while delivering a sermon recently, and as a result has applied to the state industrial accident commission for compensation for injury.

Mr. Maughan declared that he strained a muscle while gestulating in the delivery of a sermon, necessitating an operation. He seeks reimbursement for medical expenses and loss of time during his recuperation. His application is the first made by a church employee since the commission informed such workers a year ago that they were eligible for compensation in case of accident.

Pine Trees May Double in Value at 20 Years

Washington.—There's gold in the swamps of the Southland, if the prospector knows when to cut pine trees. A Mississippi farmer, government agents relate, had two acres of slash pine, 20 years old. He decided to cut it for \$200 a paper pulp company offered.

"Unknowningly he gave away a pot of gold. A twenty-year-old pine tree is growing at its maximum rate. Had he waited a few years longer he probably would have received about \$400."

"10 O'CLOCK LINE" FOUND IN INDIANA

Indians Insisted on Survey From Shadow of Sun.

Indianapolis.—When tourists coming through southwestern Indiana see signs bearing the words, "Ten O'clock Line," it does not signify that the curious of Toonerville has been pushed out into the countryside. It means simply that 110 years ago the Indians were sure the sun would not fool them whenever the white man might.

When pioneers surveyed staked out the territory acquired through the Harrison purchase, the Indians insisted that the boundary lines be placed by projecting the shadow of the sun and a staff at ten o'clock in the morning. The white men might manipulate a rod and compass, but never the sun. The land acquired was bounded by lines drawn from what now are townships to Orleans, to St. Louis, to the mouth of the Mississippi, to the Gulf of Mexico.

As a consequence of the Harrison purchase, the boundary of this colonial acquisition of what now is coal and fertile river bottom country has come to be known as the "Ten O'clock Line."

In the chronicles of contemporary events are crowded many picturesque occurrences and historical conclusions, as are found in anonymous documents pertaining to early Hoosier surveys.

It is but a flash of the imagination to say one of these pamphlets belonging to Col. Richard Lieber of the state department of conservation, to conclude that the "Ten O'clock Line" made William Henry Harrison President of the United States.

Tecumseh Opposed Cession. This reasoning was derived from knowledge of Tecumseh's methods with his Indian warriors. The chief insisted that land was held in common by all Indians and that no individual tribe nor small confederation had the power to cede tracts of any size to the colonists without the consent of neighboring tribes.

Acquisition of the Harrison purchase, 2,000,000 acres, obtained through a treaty reached at Fort Wayne, December 29, 1809, had last straw to this sturdy defender of Indian rights. After continual bickering, of which the "Ten O'clock Line" episode was a memorable incident, Tecumseh incited the Indians to resist the cession of the land.

The night was the battle of the successful Tecumseh. The chief of the successful political battle cry of "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too."

Aristocratic Belfair Families Leave Homes

Belfair.—How the aristocratic families are being driven from their historic ancestral holdings in Belfair under the pressure of economic depression is a story that is being told by the furnishings and buildings of the Northland house, Belfair, Ga., where the west of the earth is fairly, and Mulvey house, Milford, Ga., where the seat of the earth is Leifur.

The earl of Ranfurly is a direct descendant of William Penn, the Quaker founder of Pennsylvania. Another celebrated kinsman was John Knox, the Scottish reformer. The earl's name is John Mark Knox.

The earl of Leitrim, grandfather of the late Lord Dunsany, was the last of the Leins. The earl's name is John Mark Knox.

Telephones Are Banned By English Landlord

London.—A landlord the right to prevent his tenants from having telephones. This unexpected question has been brought to a showdown here as a result of a challenge rung down by Mrs. Catherine Kent, a Kensington property owner, who has ordered the telephones disconnected in the block of apartments in which she is residing.

The instructions have been acted on by the telephone authorities, who state that their agreement provides that permission by the owner must be obtained for provision or maintenance of the circuit. The tenants who claim the telephone is essential to their business are taking legal advice with a view to a restoration of facilities.

Take Seal Census in Pacific Waters

San Francisco.—Fate of the seal and seal lion along the California coast depends on a census now being taken.

If, as the fishermen contend, the animals are increasing rapidly, the state fish and game commission may permit them to be slain in such numbers as will hold their population stationary.

Many believe that the seal and seal lion are rivals. Deputy Paul Bonnet is supervising the investigation, which will take two years. At the outset he has reported finding several sealions not previously recorded. His observations will cover coastal waters from Mexico to Oregon. The latter state already having declared the seal a menace to fishing and employed a hunter to exterminate the animal.

NOTORIOUS WOLF IS KILLED IN OREGON

Destroyed Horses and Cattle for 12 Years.

Portland, Ore.—The great white wolf of Sycan marsh in southern Oregon has been killed and stockmen are breathing easier.

This animal has been feared and hated for 12 years and none was able to trap or shoot it until Elmer Williams, biological survey hunter and trapper, went out after it. Stockmen estimate that the creature took toll of their cattle, horses and sheep to the extent of \$10,000, and about it has grown a collection of stories almost as "tall" as those about Paul Bunyan, the great western logger.

Williams' message to his Portland chief, Stanley Jewett, head of the predatory animal work of the biological survey in Oregon, was brief and to the point. It said:

"Sycan wolf killed today. White male."

White Wolf Was Notorious. Those few words were sufficient because the white wolf of Sycan marsh was the most notorious animal Oregon has ever known. Its great prowess as a killer and the fact that it was white in color, made it known all over the Northwest.

Williams included the word "white" in his message because he had had many arguments with Jewett over the color. Jewett had always contended the idea that it was white. He declared that it was probably light in color and the residents had embellished their stories by calling it white.

Only three times have white wolves been known in the West. One was found in Arizona a number of years ago by a forest ranger. Another was killed near in Wyoming. The Sycan wolf is the third.

This animal was larger than the ordinary timber wolf. His tracks were about the same size as those of a big cougar. During his whole career he hunted alone except for the coyotes that skulked in his rear to feast upon his kill.

He ranged over a territory extending 20 miles in every direction from the Sycan marsh, his home. One night he would kill a horse, steer or sheep in one place and his hunting, like that of a man, would be heard 30 miles away the next day.

The animal seemed bated and scented tracks of all kinds. And no doubt he could get his nose into a trail. Williams got on the trail. Williams went to work first in 1925. He spent a number of periods of several weeks each trying to trap the animal.

Roberta Bat Wolf to Trap. The wolf used to cross a footlog over the Sycan river every day or so in his rounds and Williams tried many times to trap him there. But each time the bobcats beat the wolf to the trap. Then a freshet carried the log away and that chance was lost.

The biological survey stood a lot of hunting over its failure to catch the wolf. Jewett said it was the only animal his hunters had been unable to get rid of in a reasonable length of time.

Now that the white wolf is gone, the natives of southern Oregon are almost sorry. He was a proof that the old West was not quite gone, and he stirred their romantic fancy. However, their stories about him will be told over and over and will grow "taller" with the retelling.

King Tut's Language Brought Up to Date

Berlin.—The language of Tutankhamen and Ramesses is now available in terms of modern speech, as a result of co-operation between American and German brains and capital. The publication of the first volume of a great Egyptian dictionary has just been announced here.

The work is edited by Prof. Adolf Erman and Prof. Hermann Grapow and represents the fruit of 28 years of research on over a million of a half texts and inscriptions. In acknowledging the assistance received from sources all over the world, the editors make special mention of the co-operation of Prof. J. H. Breasted of the University of Chicago, noted Egyptologist, and of the financial support of the enterprise by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Teach Laughter

London.—At a conference of local education authorities a resolution to teach the pupils to laugh was introduced and referred to a committee of teachers for action. The authorities say the schools are too sober and sedate.

Eggs Hatch All Right, But They're Alligators

Bilalodon, England.—Fruitful farming in England has its disadvantages.

Among them is the uncertainty as to whether eggs placed in incubators will produce chickens, ducklings or alligators.

B. Mellor, a Bilalodon farmer, bought a dozen eggs in the local market and put them in an incubator. Three weeks later he opened the drawer to see if the expected chicks had made an appearance. He, alas! hurriedly. Twelve baby alligators were the result.

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Pinney Mountain
Mr. Robert Lucado who spent last week with his home people has returned to his work in Lynchburg.

Miss Catherine Lucado entertained a large number of her friends Saturday night in honor of her thirteenth birthday.

Miss Ethel Parrish, of Richmond, visited the Gilbert family first of the week.

Miss Thelma Gravelly, of Farmville, is visiting her cousin, Miss Beth Hamilton.

VERA
The revival meeting at New Hope closed last Friday night.

There was a large attendance and twenty-five additions to the church. Dr. Burrell, of Farmville, assisted Rev. Burnett.

We are glad to have our old correspondent back, and we want to hear from her through the county paper next week.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Walter Abbott, Jr., hope he will soon be well.

Mrs. Eva Hayden, and her daughter, Bette Jane, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Abbott.

Mr. Shern Weeks, of Roanoke, was the week-end guest of Miss Frances Abbott.

Mr. John Abbott, and his cousin, Miss Ruth Gardwin, of Newport News, are visiting at Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turnes, and three daughters, of Pamplin, were the week-end guests of Mrs. R. H. Coleman.

Southside

Mrs. W. R. Cheadle, and daughter, Anna, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Holycross, and family, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Fannie Holycross, who lives near Hartsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baldwin, and son, spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odor, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Odor, and Thomas, spent Wednesday at Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chermant visited her mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman, Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Cheatham, of Mt. Zion, spent last week-end with Miss Emma Coleman.

Mr. A. B. Ferguson, who has been working in Charlotte, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. C. A. Agee, and daughter, Estelle and Colene, and son, Charles, Jr., of Farmville, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Torrence last week.

Mrs. Agee is a sister of Mrs. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Driskill, and children, Irene, Christine and Thomas, of Lynchburg, were visiting East Ridge Farm Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Torrence, of Roanoke, who has been ill at the home of his mother for some time is improving.

Mrs. J. J. Wagoner who has been desperately ill at her home is some what better.

Little Caldwell Cooke while playing had the misfortune to break his collar bone.

Mrs. Norman Garrett who motored to Virginia Beach with some friends has returned home. Mrs. Bettie Wooten, of Lynchburg, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Spruce Lumber, Cut for War, to Be Used in Peace
Fort Angeles, Wash.—Millions of feet of spruce lumber logged and saved by government forces during the latter days of the World war are now in demand for building the airplanes of peace, according to numerous inquiries received here the last two weeks.

The spruce lumber stored in the war heads sheds to season is in excellent condition for airplane needs while most of the logs lying in the assembling yards are sound as the day they were felled.

FOREST VIEW

We are having fine growing weather, plenty of rain and heat.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodbridge returned to their home in Griffith, after spending a few days with his people. His sister, Mrs. J. A. Martin, accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nottingham and son, Richard, Jr., of Eastern Shore, after spending several days up in the Valley of Virginia camps and sight-seeing spent last Sunday in the home of R. W. Martin, returning to their home Monday.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. J. V. Evans, but we know she is resting from her suffering and pains. The family has the sympathy of a host of friends.

Beckham
Mr. W. E. Moore who has been sick for several months, is now able to sit up again. Also Mrs. T. M. Taylor is improving.

Mrs. H. R. Moore, and little son, H. R. Jr., leave today for Hot Springs, Va., and other places.

Mr. R. W. Moore, and family, of Appomattox, were guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore Sunday.

Mr. R. A. W. Moore, of near Stapleton, lost his house by fire last Thursday, which was only insured for about four thousand dollars. He has the sympathy of the neighborhood.

Mr. Carlton Harvey, of Philadelphia, and brother, Charles, and two sisters, of near Six Mile Bridge, were the guests in the home of Mr. C. A. Moore last Sunday.

Misses Iva and Elizabeth Moore attended a house party at Stapleton last week-end. A delightful time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne, of Beard, W. Va., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore last week.

Also Miss Virginia Staten, of Roanoke, made a short visit in this home last week.

From the reports around here wedding bells will soon be ringing.

Along David Creek

We had lots of refreshing showers and crops and garden truck are all looking good.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. J. C. Harris and children in the loss of their loved one, wife and mother.

Mrs. L. M. Thornhill who has been sick, is better.

We are glad to say Mr. J. H. Thornhill is reported better.

Mrs. Frank Summons and sister, Miss Maude Brown, of Washington were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Ida Marks, Sunday.

Miss Olivia Booker has returned home from hospital much improved.

Miss Alice Eubank, of Richmond, who has been guest of Mrs. John Booker for several days returned home Monday.

Miss Olivia Booker is visiting friends in Richmond this week.

Mrs. Carrington Carter has returned home from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Delia Doss of Lynchburg.

Mr. Tom Beale who has been very ill, is reported better.

Mr. Paul Thornhill, and wife, of Charlotte County were guests of their parents last week-end.

NOTICE

I wish to thank my friends in Appomattox and Buckingham Counties for their support in the recent primary election, and I pledge myself to serve the District of the House of Delegates to the best of my ability. Yours truly, A. J. TERRELL

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